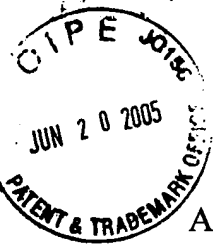


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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2005, please amend the application as follows.